

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (original): An imposition apparatus comprising:

a paper image creating section that creates a paper image in such a manner that an imposition for at least one page frame is applied onto a paper, and a page including an image and/or a character is disposed in the page frame on a layout in which an imaginary page frame including the page frame is set up, so that a whole of the paper, in which the page is disposed, is provided in form of an image;

an output processing section that causes an image output machine for outputting an image on the paper to output the paper image on the paper by applying the paper image created in the paper image creating section to the image output machine; and

a processing interruption section that interrupts a series of processing of creating the paper image and outputting the created paper image to the paper, which are executed by the paper image creating section and the output processing section, respectively, in the event that the page disposed on the layout juts out the imaginary page frame.

2. (original): An imposition apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the imaginary page frame includes a predetermined width of margin surrounding a periphery of the page frame.

3. (original): An imposition apparatus in which a page including an image and/or a character is disposed in a page frame on a layout wherein an imposition for at least one page frame is applied onto a paper, the imposition apparatus comprising:

a page size adjusting section that performs a size adjustment to coincide the page disposed on the layout with an imaginary page frame which is larger than the page frame on the layout; and

a paper image creating section that creates a paper image in such a manner that the page adjusted in size in the page size adjusting section is disposed in the page frame on the layout, so that a whole of the paper, in which the page is disposed, is provided in form of an image.

4. (original): An imposition apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the imaginary page frame includes a predetermined width of margin surrounding a periphery of the page frame.

5. (original): An imposition program storage medium storing an imposition program, the imposition program comprising:

a paper image creating section that creates a paper image in such a manner that an imposition for at least one page frame is applied onto a paper, and a page including an image and/or a character is disposed in the page frame on a layout in which an imaginary page frame including the page frame is set up, so that a whole of the paper, in which the page is disposed, is provided in form of an image;

an output processing section that causes an image output machine for outputting an image on the paper to output the paper image on the paper by applying the paper image created in the paper image creating section to the image output machine; and

a processing interruption section for interrupting a series of processing of creating the paper image and outputting the created paper image to the paper, which are executed by the paper image creating section and the output processing section, respectively, in the event that the page disposed on the layout juts out the imaginary page frame.

6. (original): An imposition program storage medium storing an imposition program which causes a computer to operate as an imposition apparatus, when the imposition program is incorporated into the computer, said imposition apparatus comprising:

a page size adjusting section that performs a size adjustment to coincide the page disposed on the layout with an imaginary page frame which is larger than the page frame on the layout; and

a paper image creating section that creates a paper image in such a manner that the page adjusted in size in the page size adjusting section is disposed in the page frame on the layout, so that a whole of the paper, in which the page is disposed, is provided in form of an image.

7. (new): An imposition apparatus of claim 1 wherein said page is within boundary of said imaginary page frame.

8. (new): An imposition apparatus of claim 3 wherein said page size is adjusted to be within the boundary of said imaginary page frame.

9. (new): An imposition apparatus of claim 7 wherein said page is outside boundary of said page frame.

10. (new): An imposition apparatus of claim 8 wherein said page size is adjusted to be outside the boundary of said page frame.